ONE DAY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1767

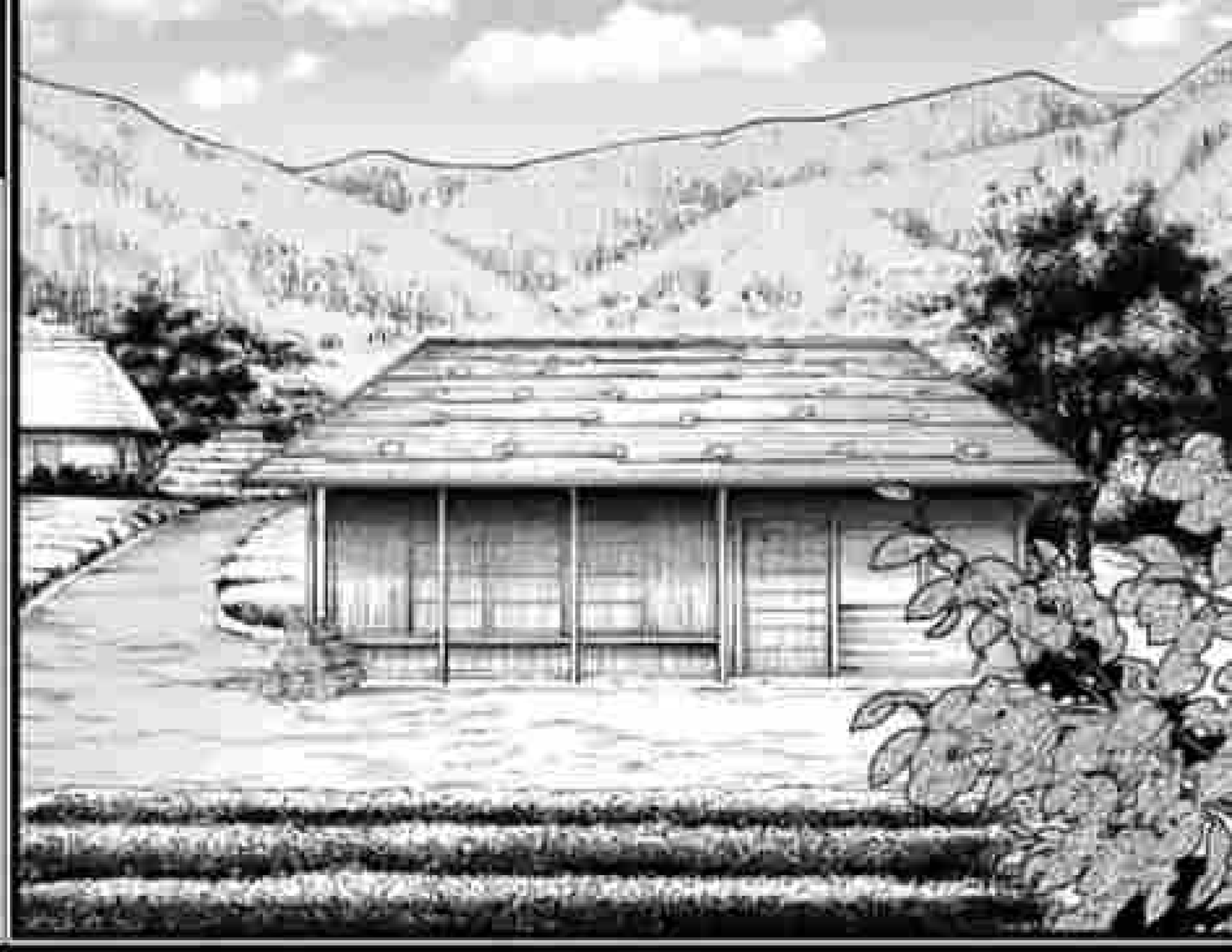
IN THE PROVINCE OF SHINANO

SOMETHING UNHUMAN

WAS BORN

OISHI VILLAGE, CHISA-GATA DISTRICT

CHAPTER 33: 100 SEALS



HAD COME TO THE REALIZATION THAT...
A FARMER FROM OISHIMURA, HANEMON, AND HIS WIFE, KEN

WAS ALREADY 2 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS OLD
THEIR SON, TAROUKICHI

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?

CHILDREN NORMALLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT AT THE AGE OF 1...

I WAS ALREADY ABLE TO STAND...

BY THE TIME I WAS 3

PLEASE... GROW UP TO BE BIG AND STRONG...

TAROUKICHI...

HOWEVER, ONE WEEK LATER...

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I BET YOU'RE HUNGRY!

THE FOOD WILL BE READY IN A...

WE'RE BACK, TAROU...

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TAROU... YOU...!!

NO WAY...

STANDING UP!!

TA... TAROU-KICHI IS...

MOMM-

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, TAROU!

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TAROUKICHI STOOD UP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE AND....

TA... TAROU-KICHI!

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EVEN HIS RIBS...! THEY HAD ALL BROKEN!!

HIS LEGS

AND HIS ARMS

WAS IT HIS BONES THAT WERE WEAK?
NAY!!

THE LITTLE BOY'S BONES BROKE BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF HIS VERY OWN MUSCLES!!

TAROU-KICHI WOULD DIE BECAUSE OF HIS OWN RAW POWER

IF THIS PROBLEM PERSISTED

FALL

IN SPITE OF THIS...

STOP MOVING FOR-WARD...

THE BOY WOULD NOT...

TAROUKICHI CHOSE...

TO NOT GIVE UP
ON HIMSELF!

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TAROU-KICHI'S BODY...

HELD HIM DOWN...

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HIS RAMP-AGING MUSC-LES...

IT KEPT CREATING NEW MUSCLE FIBERS NONSTOP

HIS OWN BODY WAS LIKE A PRISON TO HIM

SURELY...

WHAT KEPT HIS MUSCLES FROM OVERGROWING WAS CALLED

100 SEALS

OH?

WANNA SEE ME GO ALL OUT?

GHAAAA!!

GRR.....

OH... HOW INTERES-TING...

THOSE MUSCLES

SUGITA GENPAKU

KYAAAA!! RAIDEN-SAMA?!

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WH... WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!

GRRR.....

HNGH.....

ARE GOING OUT OF CONTROL!

GETTING CRUSHED!!

RA... RAIDEN IS...

ASKING YOU THAT QUES-TION...

I'LL BE THE ONE...

DON'T BREAK ON ME, GOT IT?

OY OY

THRUD!!!

AAAAAA!!

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?

WHAT...

HE'S GAINED COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THEM!!

RAIDEN IS NO LONGER BEING HELD BACK BY HIS MUSCLES!

OH...

I SEE NOW...

THIS IS THE STRONGEST FIGHTER IN HISTORY'S

TRUE POWER

EXTRAMUSCULAR BONE TIGHTENING

BY USING "100 SEALS" TO KEEP HIS MUSCLES FROM BECOMING TOO STRONG

HE BARELY MANAGED TO KEEP HIS BODY TOGETHER...

HE HAD TO LIVE WITH A CONDITION THAT FORCED HIS MUSCLES TO CONTIN-UOUSLY GROW

EVER SINCE HE WAS A CHILD...

HA...

RAIDEN, HE...

THEN THAT WOULD MEAN THAT RAIDEN...

PLEASE, WAIT A SECOND...

PL...

AND STILL MANAGED TO BE ONE OF THE STRONGEST RIKISHI EVER?!

HE LIVED HIS WHOLE LIFE WITHOUT HIS FULL POWER

HE IS FREE OF HIS SHACKLES

YES, BUT NOW THAT RAIDEN HAS EXTRA-MUSCULAR BONE TIGHT-ENING

THIS MEANS...

IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY...

THE MAN WITH THE STRONGEST MUSCLES IS NOW...

ABOUT TO PROVE HIS TRUE WORTH

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME...

HE CAN NOW FIGHT

WITH EVERY-THING HE HAS

WITH MY BODY...

I HAVE FINALLY COME TO TERMS

100 SEALS BROKEN

NOW THAT THAT'S OVER WITH...

...

TURNS OUT I DIDN'T BREAK, HUH?

LOL

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT

DO YOU WANNA FIGHT?

OR ARE YOU JUST GOING TO SIT THERE?

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I THINK WE GOT OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT!

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THIS TOURNAMENT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW A VALKYRIE TURN INTO A VOLUND

I SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN MYSELF SO HYPED UP FOR THIS

AND THAT'S BECALISE...

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THERE'S...

SOME-THING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU

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WHAT I MEAN IS,

I ACTUALLY HAD A STRANGE FEELING ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING

I ENDED UP GETTING UTTERLY DISAPP-OINTED

THOSE HUMANS TOOK

THE POWER OF THE GODS

AND USED IT

TO CORNER US

AND THUS

THEY KILLED

TWO GODS

HM?

ARE YOU THE REA-SON THEY HAVE THAT ABILITY?

THE VALKYRIES' VOLUNDS

110万年..

A GOD CAN'T FORGIVE A HALF-GOD HALF-HUMAN CHEATER...

NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT

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I JUST REMEM-BERED...

HEY...

IS YOUR "METHOD"

THE ONLY THING THAT COULD MAKE VOLUNDS POSSIBLE

THAT THERE WAS SUCH A THING...?

BUDDHA -KUN, DIDN'T YOU SAY...

IN THE WORLD OF BUDDHISM

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IF TWO PEOPLE FORFEIT EACH OTHER'S LIVES AND PUT THEM ON THE SAME LOTUS

IT BRINGS OUT THE FULL POTENTIAL OF ONE'S BEING

THEY CALL IT...

THIS POWER...

COMMON DESTINY

WHAT THE VOLUNDS ARE

THAT IS

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IT'S WHAT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO COUNTER EVEN THE GODS...

BY BETTING ON THE LIFE OF A VALKYRIE

THAT'S THE ONLY LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THE VOLLINDS' EXISTANCE...

SO... WHAT DO YOU THINK, BUDDHA-KUN?

AH, SORRY, I RAMBLED ON FOR A WHILE

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WAS CONVO-LUTED...

WHAT YOU JUST SAID...

HM...

YOUR SPEECH WAS SO LONG I DIDN'T PAY ATTEN-TION TO EVEN HALF OF IT

JUST BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND ASK YOUR QUESTION

AHAHA! I SEE... I APOLO-GIZE THEN

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I WANNA RETURN TO THE ACTION...

SO I'LL WATER THIS DOWN FOR YOU

IT SEEMS THINGS ARE GETTING EXCITING IN THE ARENA

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GO RAIDEN!!

SHIVA-SAMA!!

ARE YOU

A TRAITOR?

I'LL KILL YOU

AND WHAT IF I AM?

IT IS A LONG NIGHT...

THE GODS OF LUCK SLEEP

THEY ALL OPEN THEIR EYES...

THEY RIDE IN A BOAT ON THE WAVES...

THE SOUND IS PLEASING...

*THIS IS A SONG CALLED "THE TREASURE-SHIP AND THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS". IT IS SUNG THE DAY AFTER THE NEW YEAR BEGINS IN JAPAN.

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THE TRAITOR WILL RECEIVE...

*TENCHU MEANS "HEAVEN'S PUNISHMENT"

TENCHU

DAIKOKUTEN

JUROJIN

TENCHU

EBISU

TENCHU

HOTEISON

KICHIJOTEN

TENCHU

BENZAITEN

TENCHU

TENCHU

TENCHU
BISHAMONTEN

WE ARE THE SEVEN PILLARS!

BE IN HEAVEN OR CALL UPON HEAVEN!

THE SEVEN LUCKY GODS

THE HEAVENLY EXECU-TIONERS

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OH... THE WEIRDOS SHOWED UP

YO...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT, BUDDHA?

WHY ARE YA STAND-ING THERE, EH?

DON'T YOU WANNA BE IN HEAVEN AND CELEBRATE?

IT WOULD JUST BE LAME

YOU CAN'T EAT CANDY IN HEAVEN

AND WITHOUT SOME-THING TO BITE ON

NO CAN DO

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YOU SHAME-LESS BRAT!!

GHA!

"BOO HOO"

WHO DOES THIS PUNK THINK HE IS?!

NO DIG-NITY!

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KILL THE BUDDHA!!

WHOA, WHOA! CHILLAX, GUYS~

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YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG

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LOKI-KUN... IF YOU'RE CHOOSING TO PROT-ECT HIM...

SO DON'T YOU STEAL MY PREY...

BUDDHA'S MINE TO DEAL WITH RIGHT NOW, OKAY?

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ANYWAY~

OR YOU'LL REGRET IT

HEH

USAOHAT

I REALLY DON'T CARE ANY-MORE

THUD

OH? DID YOU FEEL THREAT-ENED JUST NOW?

IF YOU WANNA FIGHT

THEN COME AT ME

HA...

SINCE WHEN WAS HEAVEN THIS NOISY?

GEEZ...

ALL THESE GUYS GANGING UP ON ONE PERSON...

IT SEEMS THAT NEITHER SIDE HAS CHANGED

BE IT THE GODS OR MAN-KIND

YOU ALREADY HAD YOUR TURN TO FIGHT...

JERK

WHAT... ARE YOU DOING?

IF THE GOD OF THE SEAS WAS LIKE THIS...

I WONDER...

THANK YOU, BUT...

I DON'T LIKE BEING INACTIVE

HE'S THE ONE WHO KILLED POSEIDON...

WHA...

!!

KOJIRO SASAKI!!

NITEN GANRYU STYLE
KOJIRO SASAKI

I'LL BE THE HELPING SWORD

OH?

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH?!

"THE HELPING SWORD"?

HMM...

TO THINK THERE WAS ANOTHER SWORDSMAN AROUND HERE...

HOW SURPRI-SING

HOW MANY OF YOU DAMN HUMANS ARE THERE?!

THERE ARE

SO MANY GODS HERE!

HEHE...

I HEARD HE NEVER LOST A FIGHT IN HIS LIFE

WHO... IS THAT HUMAN?

TO PLAY WITH EVERYONE

I CAN'T WAIT

LET ME HAVE SOME FUN TOO

PLEASE

TENNEN RISHIN-RYU OKITA SOUJI

*TENNEN RISHIN-RYU IS THE MARTIAL ARTS STYLE PRACTICED BY THE SHINSENGUMI POLICE FORCE OF JAPAN

SO IT'S WAR YOU WANT?

YOU BET!